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SUBJECT: CSCE: REQUEST FOR EMBASSY REVIEW OF IS DOCUMENT

"PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE MEETING: INFORMATION: WARSAW
PACT COUNTRY PAPERS"

REF: NATO 7290

1. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) HAS ISSUED A REVISED VER-
SION OF ISD/144 "INFORMATION: WARSAW PACT COUNTRY PAPERS",
WHICH INCORPORATES THE COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM ALLIED
EMBASSIES IN EASTERN CAPITALS ON THE PREVIOUS DRAFT,
TOGETHER WITH OTHER INFORMATION THE IS HAS RECEIVED SINCE
MARCH 1977. WE ARE POUCHING THE ENTIRE TEXT TO EUR/RPM
AND TO INFO ADDRESSEES.

2. IN COVERING NOTE, THE IS REQUESTS ALLIED EMBASSIES IN
EASTERN EUROPE TO REVIEW THIS DRAFT AND TO PREPARE A
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COORDINATED RESPONSE ON EACH EASTERN COUNTRY, WITH PAR-
TICULAR ATTENTION TO (A) ANSWERING ALL QUESTIONS, MAKING
APPROPRIATE CORRECTIONS, AND FILLING GAPS (ESPECIALLY FOR
BULGARIA, THE GDR, AND THE USSR); (B) UPDATING PERFORMANCE
TABLES AND ANNEXES WITH EMPHASIS ON CHANGES SINCE HELSINKI.
THE IS ALSO NOTES THE NEED FOR INFORMATION FROM ALLIED
CAPITALS ON WESTERN PERFORMANCE IN THIS AREA TO HELP

ANSWER EASTERN CRITICISM. RECOGNIZING THAT TIME IS SHORT, THE IS SUGGESTS THAT REPLIES TO ISD/144 (REVISED) BE SUBMITTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF BY 9 SEPTEMBER IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE ALLIES TIME TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THIS INFORMATION IN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE.

3. THE IS HAS INFORMALLY REQUESTED THE US TO TAKE THE LEAD IN COORDINATING AND PREPARING RESPONSES TO ISD/144, SINCE THE UK HAS AGREED TO DO SO ON ISD/140 ON "HUMAN CONTACTS" AND THE FRG ON ITS HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONNAIRE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE NOT WISHING TO ADD AGAIN TO BURDENS ON OUR EMBASSIES IN THIS AREA, WE SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT REQUEST THAT THEY COORDINATE INFORMALLY WITH INTERESTED ALLIED COLLEAGUES ON TEXT OF ISD/144, AND FORWARD CORRECTED TEXTS OF THEIR COUNTRY SECTION TO US MISSION NATO AND THE DEPARTMENT. WE WILL PASS TEXTS ON TO THE IS WHEN AUTHORIZED. THE SEPTEMBER 9 DEADLINE SUGGESTED BY THE IS IS VERY TIGHT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF NEED TO SEND THIS BULKY DOCUMENT BY POUCH, BUT WE HOPE RESPONSES WILL BE RECEIVED NOT LONG THEREAFTER. GLITMAN

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